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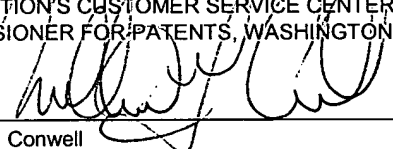
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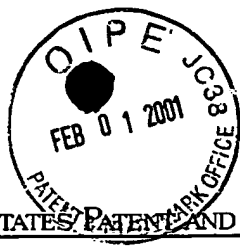
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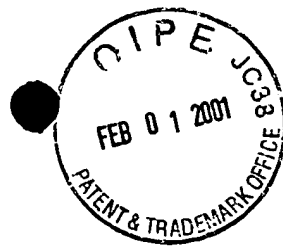
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**POSTAL METHODS AND SYSTEMS EMPLOYING DIGITAL WATERMARKS**Related Application Data

The subject matter of the present application is related to that disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,862,260, and in copending applications 08/746,613, filed November 12, 1996 (allowed); 09/074,034, filed May 6, 1998; 09/127,502, filed July 31, 1998; 09/185,380, filed November 3, 1998; 09/234,780, filed January 20, 1999; 09/287,940, filed April 7, 1999; 09/314,648, filed May 19, 1999; 09/343,104, filed June 29, 1999; 60/158,015, filed October 6, 1999; 09/433,104, filed November 3, 1999; 60/164,619, filed November 10, 1999; 09/503,881, filed February 14, 2000; 09/525,865, filed March 15, 2000; 09/547,664, filed April 12, 2000; 09/562,516, filed May 1, 2000; and 09/562,524, filed May 1, 2000.

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Background and Summary of the Invention

Computer printers have long been used to print addresses on envelopes. For many years, a variety of similar printing technologies have been used to print metered postage on envelopes. With the advent of digital postage, use of printers with envelopes is increasing still further.

Digital postage technology is available from a number of vendors including Pitney Bowes, E-Stamp, Stamps.com and Escher Laboratories (of Escher Group, Ltd.), and is detailed in various patent publications including 5,982,506, 5,825,893, 5,819,240, 5,801,364, 5,774,886, 5,682,318, 5,978,781, and WO 99/18543A1.

Digital watermarking technology is used, in accordance with the present invention, to increase the security of, and augment the functionality associated with, computer printing of envelopes and postage.

In accordance with one aspect of the invention, traceability of digital postage is enhanced by serialization, i.e., embedding a serial number code or other indicia that uniquely and covertly links the printed postage to some device in the users' possession.

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